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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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In response to the communication mailed April 19, 2005, a Statement of the Substance of the Interview is stated as follows:

On April 14, 2005, a discussion was held between Applicants' representative and Examiner Farahani to insure the Examiner understanding of the Amendment that was entered with the RCE.

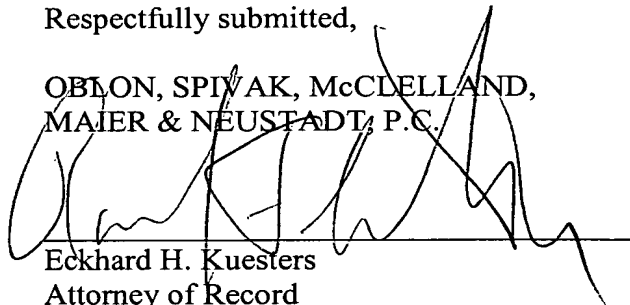
In this regard, Applicants' representative pointed out that the independent claims now all require that the current sense emitter must be "electrically" separated from the main emitter, which is the exact opposite of the case with the Yanagisawa voltage sense emitter. In this last regard, Applicants' representative emphasized that the voltage sensing emitter of the IGBT of Yanagisawa must be in direct electrical contact with the main emitter so as to be able to sense the voltage on the main emitter. The manner in which all of the embodiments of Yanagisawa show the electrical connection between the main emitter and voltage sense emitter of the Yamagisawa IGBT was also noted. In addition to discussing Yanagisawa,

Applicants' representative noted how the figures from the handbook included with the above-noted Amendment buttressed Applicants' argument in terms of showing the symbol for a main emitter and current sense emitter in Figure 7.46 that was similar to the symbol in our FIG. 24 that also showed a main emitter and a current sense emitter. Applicants' representative further noted how the current sense emitter was shown to be separated electrically from the main emitter in Figure 7.49, for example. Finally, the showings of Figure 7.50 were noted as to the main IGBT and a current sense IGBT being separately formed in the device substrate.

The Examiner agreed that there were differences between the Yanagisawa voltage sensing emitter that had to be electrically connected to the main emitter and the claimed current sense emitter that has to be separated electrically from the main emitter of the claimed IEGT. The Examiner noted, however, that a further search and consideration of these arguments that were in the above-noted Amendment would be required and that we should be receiving a new Office Action in the near future relative to this application reflecting the results of this new search and consideration.

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